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Letter dated 8 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to annex to this letter a report on the signature by the Republic of Cuba of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 18 September 2003 and the Additional Protocol thereto (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 14.

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Cuba signs its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Additional Protocol thereto

On 18 September 2003, the Republic of Cuba signed the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This step was a demonstration of Cuba's commitment to expedite the fulfilment of all its obligations as a State party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Tlatelolco Treaty).

On the same date, Cuba signed the Additional Protocol to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, thereby reaffirming its intention to continue strengthening its cooperation with IAEA in the development of the peaceful use of nuclear energy with a view to promoting the socio-economic development of Cuba.

The two instruments were signed in Vienna by the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba, Mr. Wenceslao Carrera, and the Director-General of IAEA, Mr. Mohamed El Baradei.